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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1, 7 and 8, which are independent, are amended.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being incomplete for omitting essential elements. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims recite subject matter of the invention. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the steps taken by the information apparatus with respect to the playing means if the suffix is not a first suffix and with respect to storing if the suffix of is not a second suffix is not required to claim the invention. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are hereby amended to replace "in the event that" with "when".

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected for a lack of antecedent basis. Applicant respectfully disagrees as claim 1 states "a first suffix" and "a second suffix".

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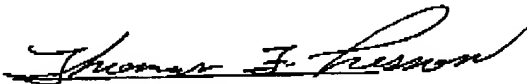
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph rejections
are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable
reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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